

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Kumar et al.	)	<b>Examiner:</b>	Pollock, Gregory A.
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**Title:** TRANSACTION STRUCTURES AND METHODS CONCERNING THE FORWARD  
SALE OF A COMMODITY

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2008 in connection with the above-  
identified application, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 10.